

URGES BETTER PAY AND ANOTHER PLAN FOR MARINE BAND

Major General Burnett Points Out Losses Due to Barring of Outside Work.

DEMAND FOR PRIVATE WORK

Report Asks That Increase Be Made in the General Corps of Marines.

In addition to pointing out that the Marine Corps needs 7,500 additional men and sixty officers, Maj. Gen. George Barnett, commandant, in his annual report, urges higher pay for the Marine Band to make up for losses due to discontinuance of outside support after protest was made by labor union.

"The Marine Band is practically the President's band," General Barnett's report says, "and is used for all official functions both at the White House and elsewhere, and therefore only men of the highest standard of excellence can be recruited for this service."

"The present organization of the band was effected some time since, and the pay and allowances were fixed at a time when the cost of living was not nearly so high as it is now, and when the conditions were entirely different."

Added to Their Pay.

"At the time when the present pay table was adopted the band was much in demand for private entertainments, and the members were allowed to accept liberal remuneration for the service, which materially added to their pay. This condition has entirely changed, and the band is now denied competition with local organizations, due to protests made by the labor union. The question, therefore, of a reorganization of the band, and especially a modification of the pay table, is, in my opinion, highly essential, in order to maintain the band at such a state of efficiency, as will not impair its usefulness. This matter is now receiving my attention, and at the proper time there will be submitted for your approval, and submission to Congress, a bill providing for the reorganization of the band."

General Barnett did not ask that the Marine Corps be recruited to its full additional needed strength of 7,500, as he was advised that Secretary Daniels planned to ask only 7,500 increase in personnel for the entire navy. He asked for 15,000 more, however, to keep the force at one-fifth the enlisted strength of the navy. This recommendation was made by Secretary Daniels in submitting his naval program.

Much Added Work.

The added work put on the Marine Corps by its service in Mexico, Haiti, Santo Domingo, and elsewhere, General Barnett said, has caused interference with ship detachments by their withdrawal for shore duty. He believes that a single force of 3,500 should be maintained on the Atlantic coast and 1,200 on the Pacific coast. The full strength of the corps at present is 344 officers and 3,979 men.

Picked Up Captain of Submerged Freighter

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—The British steamer Lord Cromer has arrived from Calcutta, reporting the rescue of a boatload of men from the British freighter "Clan MacLeod," which was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine. The Lord Cromer picked up Captain Goodwin, of the MacLeod, who had been surrounded by shells, and forty-eight members of the crew. All were landed at Algiers. Another boat, containing twenty of the MacLeod's men, was missing at the time.

Captain Goodwin told the officers of the Lord Cromer that his vessel was on the admiralty business, and was sunk by the submarine November 20. The Clan MacLeod had been ordered to stop, but the captain said his ship had been fired at and was shelled by the submarine until he signaled surrender and ordered his men the boat. Captain Goodwin lost his right hand and leg, while several other members of the crew were killed or seriously injured.

Baled Hay Equal to Steel to Stop Bullets

GALVESTON, Dec. 25.—Many thousands of tons of Texas hay are being used as a bulwark against bullets on the lines of defense by the British and French governments.

"This fact has just come to light by the statement of a foreign agent of hay, who also direct the compression of the bales before shipment from this port, to make them as nearly bullet proof as possible."

Three ordinary field bales are compressed into one bale before being loaded on a vessel. This process gives the bale a density that is said to make it equal to steel plate in stopping bullets. It is stated that tranches are being lined with the bales of hay.

Limburger Cheese Diet Cuts County Death Rate

MONROE, Wis., Dec. 25.—Physicians of Green county, which had the lowest death rate in the State last summer, attribute the healthy condition of the community to the eating of Limburger cheese. Last year 2,041,685 pounds of this cheese were produced in the county, and as a staple of food it largely displaced meat.

The quarterly report of the State board of health, just issued, gave Green county a death rate of 7.2 per 1,000, compared with 9.2 for the State at large.

Rests in Casket He Made.

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Concert Today

By the U. S. Soldiers' Home Band Orchestra, Stanley Hall, at 6:45 p. m.

JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMAN, Director.

March, "Old Faithful".....Holzman
Overture, "Summer Night's Dream".....Suppe
Pettie suite, "Le Roman de Pierrot et Pierrette".....Bergamein
L. "The Serenade".....L. "The Lovers' Duet".....Herbert
Selection, "Sweethearts".....Herbert
Fox trot, "The Kangaroo Hop".....Morris
Waltz suite, "Dreams on the Ocean".....Gungl
Intermezzo, "Chanson d'Amour".....Sauer
Finale, "I'm Simply Crazy Over You".....Schwartz
The Star Spangled Banner.

U. S. LEADS WORLD AS EXPORT NATION

Bank Figures Show It Has Passed Great Britain—Canada Also Prospering.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Indications are, according to statistics made public by the foreign department of the National City Bank, that the United States during the current year has become the leading export nation of the world, surpassing Great Britain, our nearest competitor, by something more than double the value of her exports during 1915.

For eleven months, ending December 1, the total value of exports from the seventeen principal ports of the United States was \$2,145,000,000, against \$1,705,000,000, the estimated aggregate value of Great Britain's exports in 1914, and \$1,821,112,000 for the United States in the same year. For 1913, more like a normal year, Great Britain's exports were \$2,345,800,000, against \$2,217,812,000 for the United States.

English Trade Drops.

England's 1915 commerce, as it is now estimated, compares unfavorably with her shipments in 1913. For ten months of this year her imports were \$600,000,000 larger, and exports \$400,000,000 smaller than in 1913. Thus, however, takes no account of the imports of actual munitions of war, which do not appear in the board of trade returns.

Contrary to expectations, Russia shows a heavy reduction in both exports and imports. For Germany, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, and Turkey there are no returns. France shows a large increase in imports of horses and foodstuffs, a fall in imports of manufacturing materials and a decline in exports of manufactures.

In Canada, Australia, Argentina, and Uruguay there were increased exports of grains, meats, and wool. Egypt shows a decline both in imports and exports, as does India, while South African sales of diamonds and ostrich feathers doubled. Spain increased its exports of copper, iron, olive oil, and miscellaneous manufactures.

Canada is Prospering.

The foreign trade of Canada has profited something like that of the United States as a result of the war. In the seven months ended October 31, the value of exports of Canadian products was \$28,420,000, or about \$100,000,000 more than in the same months of 1914, and \$90,800,000 more than in the same months of 1913. Imports have declined from \$300,544,000 in 1913 to \$233,107,000 in 1915, converting an adverse balance of \$145,000,000 into a favorable balance of \$73,220,000.

The commerce of Japan with the rest of the world has grown. The figures of trade of eight calendar months, ended August 31, show aggregate sales of Japanese products abroad as \$227,205,047, against \$207,209,022 in the same time last year and \$198,481,855 in 1913. Aggregate exports were \$77,759,833, against \$21,491,361 in the same month in 1914.

Japanese imports in the eight months of this year were \$187,944,522, against \$225,538,596 last year and \$250,759,242 in 1913. In 1913, Japan's foreign commerce was two and a half times what it was in 1902, seven and two-third times what it was in 1892, and twenty-two times the volume of thirty years before.

With a Broken Back, Boy Starts Transoceanic Trip

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 25.—Suffering from a broken back and without hope for recovery, Tony Angelo, twenty years old, left for New York, where he intends to sail on the liner Cretic for Italy.

Tony knows that he has not long to live, and he wants to see the shores of sunny Italy before he dies. Last May he suffered a broken back while employed as a truck laborer on a railroad here.

Rats Aboard Vessels Vermin, Decides Court

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—Rats aboard a vessel are vermin, according to an opinion handed down by Judge Crane, in the municipal court.

He also ruled that steamship owners were responsible for any damage done by them to freight aboard a vessel, as it was incumbent upon the steamship authorities to rid their vessels of rats.

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SQUIRREL HUNT SETS STATION IN UPROAR

Plum Colored Girl, Terrier, and Kiddies Excited by Animal Looking for Nuts.

A bushy-tailed gray squirrel looking for nuts invaded the Union railway station this morning just at the hour when the commutation trains from the suburbs were due. He didn't find a nut supply, for in addition to being Sunday, it was the Sunday after Christmas.

Business got active at once. There was a small crowd on hand, composed of returning Christmas couples, almost invariably accompanied by children, who had eaten grandma's turkey and plum pudding up-country. The "kiddies" promptly decided that Mr. Squirrel was an exceptionally desirable mechanical toy that had arrived on a belated section of the Santa Claus Express, and started after him.

Breaks for Concourse.

The squirrel broke for the big concourse, and easily distanced all pursuers in that arena until an enterprising youngster in a red sweater dodged out from behind a news stand and tried to grab him. The squirrel veered to avoid the tackle, skidded on the floor, and tobogganed half a rod. He recovered just in time to avoid being grabbed by a small girl that tried to toss a blanket over him, and was making a break toward the east end of the concourse, when a Boston terrier, conveyed

by a P. G. in picture hat, plum-colored shoes that laced behind, and skirt short enough to match the color of the shoes and the four inches of stock—pardon, ho—squirrel—that was exposed, broke from his leech and seized the chase.

The terrier knew exactly what he wanted to do with that squirrel; but the P. G. didn't. She was torn between ambition to capture the brute and acute terror lest he might be related to a mouse, ergo her natural enemy. She screamed daintily, "But effectively enough to necessitate the support of the young man alongside, who seemed unnecessarily gallant about assuming that she was going to faint and seized her amidships in both arms. Eight other men threw in the high gear and rushed to the scene ready to do the same thing. They were obviously disappointed when the first-aid youth beat them to it."

The diversion enabled the capering rodent—if a squirrel in the dictionary wasn't handy to look him up in—to gain a full half-minute headway on all pursuit save that of the terrier. He drove straight—the squirrel did, not the pup—up a corrugated iron pillar that perhaps looked like a tree, and started to climb it. But it was made of cast steel and didn't climb readily, so the pup arrived on the scene under full headway in time to miss the quarry by an eye-lash and plump himself full-tilt into the pillar, which survived in better form than the squirrel. The dog was thus dazed the squirrel made another dash for the open country. The guards opened the gates and the squirrel made his way through one of them just far enough ahead of the dog to let the latter get almost "squashed" to death as the gate was slammed shut behind the squirrel.

At last accounts the plum-colored girl was doing nicely, and eleven kiddies were fomenting a young riot over the question of who would have been entitled to the squirrel if he hadn't got away.

Married Six Women.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 25.—Charles Pitcher, a sailor, charged with bigamy, waived preliminary hearing when arraigned in the district court, and was committed to the municipal court for trial. Pitcher declared that he had married six women and not eight, as District Attorney Zabel asserted.

TWO MILLION ARE PLANNING STRIKE

Railroad Men, Garment Workers, and Waiters Demand Better Pay and Hours.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Unless demands for increased wages and better working hours are granted strikes involving upward of 2,000,000 men and women may be called early next year, according to labor leaders here tonight.

More than 150,000 garment workers, waiters, and other workers in other industries may strike in New York alone, it was said.

A vote that might result in a strike is now being taken by 400,000 railroad men, and union officials declare their demand for an eight-hour day is backed by 1,000,000 railway workers.

Existing contracts in the soft coal fields of Pennsylvania expire the first of the year, and 700,000 men working under the contract, which, if renewed, must include demands which are to be presented. Otherwise a strike will be called. Other miners and numerous other workers are also preparing demands to be made upon their employers.

Jackies Act as Santa Claus to 200 Newsboys

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 25.—Jackies of the battleships New Hampshire, Vermont and Louisiana today acted as Santa Claus to 200 newsboys. Each boy was given candy, handkerchiefs, and a knife.

MUSICAL PROGRAMS IN CITY CHURCHES

Cantatas and Oratorios Will Be Sung Tonight by Choirs and Soloists.

Cantatas and oratorios will be sung by choirs and special soloists and Sunday school children will hold their Christmas festivals in Washington churches tonight. The celebration of the joyous feast day began in the churches of the Capital with midnight masses Friday, and continued yesterday morning and this morning, and tonight's programs will conclude the observance of the natal day of the Saviour.

In many churches this morning the Christmas music given yesterday was repeated. In all the churches some special feature appropriate to Christmas prevailed, and in the sermons the Christ child was the theme of all.

An elaborate musical program will be given at Gunton-Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church tonight at 6:45 o'clock. The cantata "Bethlehem" will be sung, with Miss O'Toole and Mr. Hoffman as soloists, and with a section of the Marine Band assisting. The same cantata will be sung at Hamline M. E. Church at 8 o'clock.

"The Shepherd King" and "The Child Called Christ" are two cantatas to be given at the West Washington Baptist Church at 7:45, and a special program of Christmas songs will precede the evening sermon in the New York

Avenue Presbyterian and the Memorial Seventh Day Adventist churches. Oratorios are scheduled to be given in the First Congregational Church, the Fifth Baptist Church, McKendree M. E. Church, Epiphany, Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, and Calvary M. E. Church.

In the Fourth Presbyterian Church W. H. H. Smith will give a stereopticon lecture on "The Birth and Infancy of Jesus; From the Annunciation to the Flight into Egypt."

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